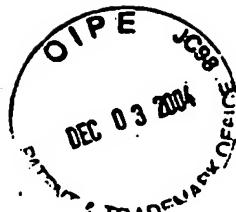


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Now comes Takashi Okuda, Masahiko Watanabe and Takahiro Kikawada who
depose and state:

1. That we are the named joint inventors of the above-mentioned application for patent.
2. That we, along with M. Minagawa and F. Yukuhiro are co-authors of a publication Watanabe et al., J. Exp. Biol. 205:2799-2802 (2002).
3. That N. Minagawa and F. Yukuhiro, who are listed as coauthors of Watanabe et al., J. Exp. Biol. 205:2799-2802 (2002), were merely working under the direction of Takashi Okuda, Masahiko Watanabe and Takahiro Kikawada.
4. That Takashi Okuda, Masahiko Watanabe and Takahiro Kikawada are the inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-mentioned patent application.

5. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

6. Further deponents saith not.

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